

Henry Wilwerding, 79

Dec. 19, 1920 – March 1, 2000

AVOCA – Henry "Hank" Joseph Wilwerding was born Dec. 19, 1920, in Earling, son of John and Martha Apple Wilwerding. He was one of nine children in the family.

Hank married Lavira "Poots" Kohlscheen Jones Sept. 17, 1966, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Co. Bluffs. They farmed in Logan and Earling and then moved to Avoca in 1966. He then worked for the Rock Island Railroad for 14 years. His wife of 30 years died March 5, 1997. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. He died March 1, 2000, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca, at age 79 years, two months and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Jean Kobold, Sister Adelviva, Sister Missana and Mathilda Bauman; and two brothers, Carl and Pete. He is survived by his stepson, Larry Jones (Carol) of Omaha, NE; two sisters, Elvira Zimmerman of Denison and Viola Fohman of Dover, MN; a sister-in-law, Arlene Bramman of Co. Bluffs; a step granddaughter, Penny (Jeff) Nelson; two step great grandchildren, Shelby and Alec Nelson of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 4, 2000, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avoca, with Father Fred Reischl officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Richard Wilwerding, Lawrence "Babe" Kohlscheen, John Wilwerding, Ivo Wilwerding, James Zimmerman and Leo Zimmerman. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.